

In re Application of: Vaidya et al.
Application No.: 09/415,901

Remarks

In the application, claims 52 through 56, 59 through 63, and 66 are pending. No claims currently stand allowed.

The Office Action dated August 5, 2004, has been carefully considered. The Office Action rejects claims 53 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite. Claims 52 through 56, 59 through 63, and 66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of U.S. Patents 5,905,730 (“Yang”) and 5,991,295 (“Tout”). Claims 57 and 64 are rejected as obvious in light of Yang, Tout, and U.S. Patent 5,268,899 (“Brown”). Finally, claims 58 and 65 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but would be otherwise allowable.

Claims 53 and 60 are amended to address their indefiniteness as suggested by the Office Action.

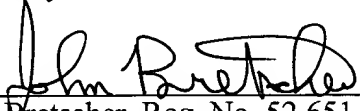
Applicants thank Examiner Ryman for the indication that the subject matter of claims 58 and 65 is allowable. In order to expedite prosecution, the elements of claim 58 and those of the intervening claim 57 are promoted into independent claim 52. Claims 57 and 58 are cancelled. Similarly, the elements of claim 65 and those of the intervening claim 64 are promoted into independent claim 59, while claims 64 and 65 are cancelled. Claim 66 is amended to include elements similar to those in claims 58 and 65. Therefore, all currently pending claims should be allowable for at least the reasons stated in the Office Action.

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Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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